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School Tax in '49 to Be Cut

This year's tax levy of 45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for the bond issue of Torrance Unified School District is for one and one-half years' interest, plus the first year's retirement of the principal, according to J. H. Hull, superintendent.

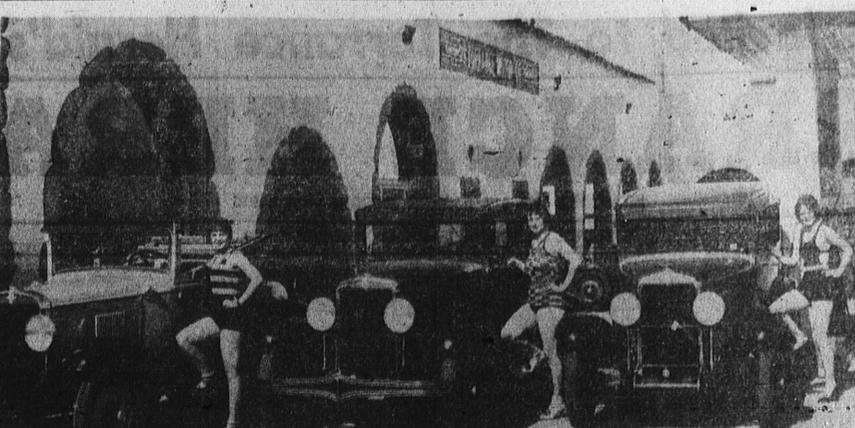
For that reason, the rate is expected to be lower next year, on the basis of the same assessed valuation of property within the district.

Hull also said this week that ownership of the Sealife Ranchos elementary school site now was vested in the name of the district, having passed through escrow.

The North Torrance site still is under negotiation, he said, and the County Counsel's office has asked the Board of Education to appoint two appraisers, which will be done at the next meeting.

TURN WHEEL SLOWLY

Front wheel skids are the product of turning the steering wheel suddenly. Twisting it quickly on a dry pavement is one thing. Twisting it quickly on a wet one is quite another.



TWENTY YEARS AGO—These were styles in bathing suits and automobiles when the Herald moved into its previous home on El Prado just 20 years ago. Today the Herald is established in

its new home at 1619 Gramercy avenue. This photograph was found in the newspaper's old files and had not been reproduced, so names of the models were not noted.

Hiring of New Music Teacher Is Proposed

Hiring of a teacher to instruct choral groups at the various schools in the Torrance district was recommended by Mrs. Evelyn Carr, a member of the Board of Education, at a recent meeting of the board.

Mrs. Carr suggested that a teacher employed to travel between the schools to teach group singing much in the same manner as is being done by a teacher of instrumental music.

The board approved of a recommendation to grant such teachers who use their own cars to travel between schools an allowance of six and one-half cents per mile.

Following the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education last week approved of the hiring of three non-certificated personnel. The action resulted in the hiring of William Maurice as custodian, John F. Heskett, laborer, and James Leo Heitmann as a bus driver.

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Gra-Y Clubs Invited to Long Beach

The Gra-Y clubs of Torrance have been invited to attend a Gra-Y day at the Long Beach YMCA on Saturday, Dec. 11. The invitation issued by E. C. Shaw, boys' secretary at the Long Beach "Y," said that the program would consist of athletic contests, swimming, lunch and movies.

According to Bud Lee, Gra-Y Club supervisor, about 100 boys from the Torrance clubs expect to attend. Eighty boys traveled to the Southern California Gra-Y Pow Wow recently held at Monrovia.

Trust Bond Closer With Turks, Says McLean

A closer bond of understanding exists today between the Turkish people and the United States than has ever existed between the Turks and any other foreign nation, in the opinion of Lt. Col. Michael T. McLean, former Torrance resident now stationed with the military in Ankara.

Captain McLean, who is chief of the materiel division of the military aid program for Turkey, said the Turks were most willing to learn and pleasant to work with. However, it requires an intense training program to familiarize their military with modern weapons of defense, "but they try very hard," he said.

There is some inflation in Turkey, the visitor said, but their currency is pegged at 280 liras to \$1 United States, and every effort is being made to hold it there. The nation's principal mineral exports are cobalt and magnesium.

This week Captain McLean, who attended public schools here and U.C.L.A. later, was en route back to Ankara alone. Mrs. McLean is remaining at their home in Los Angeles with her year-old son and their two daughters because of better school facilities in the United States.

SHARE SIGNAL COST

Los Angeles county has agreed to contribute \$14,000 toward cost of installing a traffic signal system along Hawthorne boulevard at the intersection of 154th, 162nd, 166th streets and Manhattan Beach boulevard.

Former Local Rector Named as Rural Dean

The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, former rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Torrance, and for the past year Rector of St. James, Newport Beach, was elected rural dean of the Long Beach Convocation of the Diocese of Los Angeles, at the annual meeting of the convocation held Friday, Nov. 12, at St. Lukes Church in Long Beach.

The dean has charge of the missionary work in the convocation, with supervision over the 11 missions in the Long Beach Convocation. Dean Wheeler resigned from St. Andrew's on Oct. 31, 1947, to become vicar of St. James Church, Newport Beach. He is well qualified for his new position, having served for eight years as a member of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

Since being in the ministry, Mr. Wheeler has built three missions into self-supporting parishes—St. Mary's, Culver City-Palms; St. Andrew's, Torrance; and St. James, Newport-Balboa.

The people of St. Andrew's Church as well as a host of friends in Torrance share in the pleasure of the knowledge of Mr. Wheeler's advancement in the ministry of the Church.

SHUFFLEBOARD OWNERS MUST COUGH UP \$24

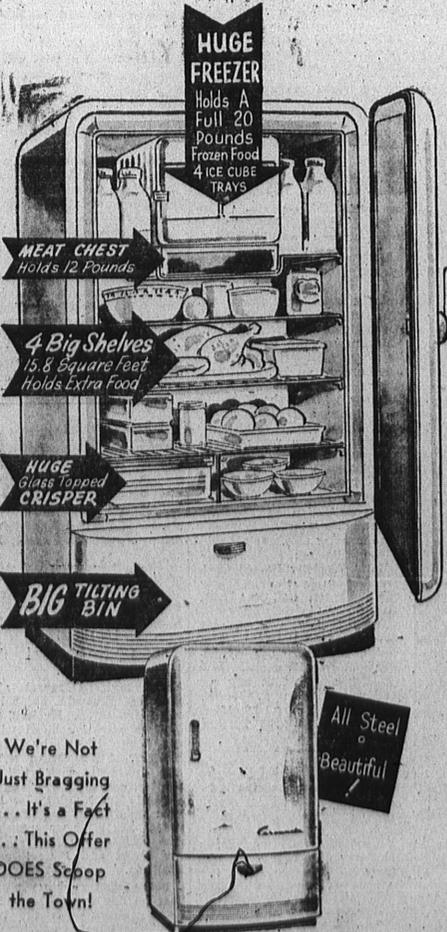
Owners of shuffleboards used by the public will have to pay an annual fee of \$24 per shuffleboard, according to Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the board of supervisors.

County Counsel Hal Kennedy has been instructed to prepare an ordinance amendment to the effect.

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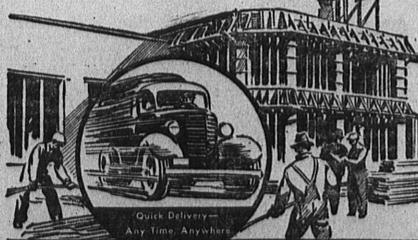
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